

# Spring Street Link

June 13, 2016

As you know, one of the goals that we have at Spring Street School is to help each child become a proficient reader. Throughout the year, parents, students, and teachers have all worked together to provide instruction and support for students to develop great reading skills and become more proficient readers. Some of our students' growth comes as a result of students reading frequently and for extended periods of time.

In the summer, students don't have the same reading experiences as they would during the school year, sometimes read less than usual and as a result begin to regress in their proficiency. Our goal is to have our students continue to make reading an important part of their summer schedule so that each student at least maintain the same level of proficiency as when they left school for the summer. Studies have shown that students continuing to read over the summer can actually improve their reading skills. Ideally, it would be great for students to continue to read on a daily basis to support this goal.

Through the use of reading assessments teachers are able to identify an independent reading level. The independent reading level is the level at which your child knows the vocabulary, can practice rereading for fluency, and utilize comprehension strategies they have developed throughout the year. On report cards being sent home on the last day of school, your child's independent reading level will be provided. It is important that students read books that they can read independently. Of course, books beyond their independent level are good ones for a parent or older sibling to read together. Selecting more difficult books will not help, and can cause your child to become frustrated. If he/she wants to read more difficult texts, then please read them with your child.

The K-4 Summer Reading list along with a reading and math calendar can be found on the SPS website (<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/curriculum/Summer-Reading.cfm>). The reading list provides a required summer book to be read (independently or with an adult) and a list of leveled books from which your child should choose and read an additional two titles based on their level. This list also serves as resource for additional titles at your child's independent reading level to supplement the summer reading requirements and provide additional material to keep your child reading all summer long. The Shrewsbury Public Library is also a great source for summer reading materials.

For those students who are using Raz-Kids, your child's current username and password will enable your child to access this tool all summer. Please consider this an important resource to help your child continue to read in the summer months. If you are unsure of your child's username or password, please contact your child's teacher.

For students transitioning to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the Summer Reading List can be found along in the same location as the elementary list: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/curriculum/Summer-Reading.cfm>

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to share much the excellent learning that has taken place at our school throughout the year. I am grateful that you share your children with us, they come to school eager and enthusiastic to learn, and that our school has an unbelievably supportive family community that values the academic, social, and emotional growth that takes place in our school every day. Thank you and have a great summer!

**COLONIAL SHOP Summer Kick Off Event at Shrewsbury High School, Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 5pm-8pm**

The Colonial Shop at Shrewsbury High School will be open for business before school is out for the summer! Get your Colonial summer gear and show your pride on the beach or the barbecue. Don't miss the clearance rack with last season's gear at great prices as well as many new items. ***Gift Certificates Available!*** There is something for everyone at the Colonial Shop! We are located in the lobby at Shrewsbury High School. *We accept Cash or Check made payable to Shrewsbury High School.*

**Middle School Summer Extensions Walk-In Registration**

Walk-in registration for the Middle School Summer Extensions program will take place on Tuesday, 6/14/16 from 4:00pm-6:00pm and Wednesday, 6/22/16 from 7:00am-10:00am at Sherwood Middle School. More information, including links to the catalog, can be found on the Middle School Summer Extensions webpage:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/middle-school-summer-extensions.cfm>

Questions regarding programming or registration can be directed to

[MSSE@Shrewsbury.K12.ma.us](mailto:MSSE@Shrewsbury.K12.ma.us) or to Kristen Minio at 508-841-1212.

**Colorcycle Marker Recycling**

Spring Street School has continued to recycle a lot of markers and keep them out of the landfill! We are collectively making a huge difference by collecting dried up markers and sending them off (free of charge) to Crayola, who in turn recycles them in to clean burning fuel. It's not too late to bring in **ANY** dried markers you may have: drop them off in the yellow collection bin in the lobby. Crayola takes any brand or style of marker: Sharpies, dry erase, highlighters, etc., If you have any additional markers to collect over the summer, contact Elizabeth Leitko at 774-275-8418 or [elizabeth@leitko.net](mailto:elizabeth@leitko.net) to arrange for drop off.

**A Message from The Shrewsbury Education Foundation**

*How does your Garden grow? Our SPS Garden grows with fabulous teachers and staff!!* Shower your teacher with this special gift to honor him/her as they help you grow! Recipients will receive this gorgeous potted geranium and \$5.00 gift certificate to Papa's Hardware, our generous hometown sponsor, from the Shrewsbury Education Foundation. Make a \$25.00 donation per plant, online at [www.sefgrants.org](http://www.sefgrants.org). **Plants are in limited supply. First come, first served!!** Order NOW, deadline to order is Friday, June 17. We will deliver your package on Tuesday, June 21.

***From previous links:***

**2016-2017 Bus Registration: DEADLINE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

If your child plans to ride the bus next year, we urge you to register him/her now to **avoid the \$50 late registration fee**. Over 65% of riders are already registered and nearly 94% paid using the new and convenient online payment system. Registration and payment must be completed

via the Powerschool Parent Portal at the link below:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/transportation/>

**Important Dates**

Friday, June 17, Last day of school for kindergarten, regular dismissal (3:15pm)

Tuesday, June 21, Last day of school Grades 1-4, 12:15pm dismissal

Tuesday, August 23, Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 6:30-7:30pm at SSS

Wednesday, August 24, Newcomer's Tea and Open House, 10-12:00pm

Tuesday, August 30, Grades 1-4 First Day of School

Wednesday, August 31, Kindergarten First Day of School

Friday, September 2, No School, Professional Development Day

Monday, September 5, No School, Labor Day

Wednesday, September 21, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 Curriculum Night, 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday, September 22, Grades 3 and 4 Curriculum Night, 6:30-7:30pm

Friday, October 7, No School, Professional Development Day

Monday, October 10, No School, Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 8, No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 11, No School, Veteran's Day

November 23-25, Thanksgiving Vacation

Tuesday, December 6, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development

December 26-January 2, December Vacation

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie